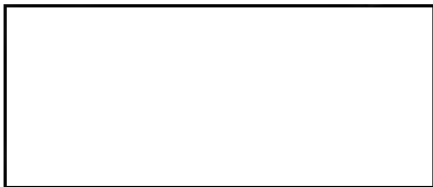


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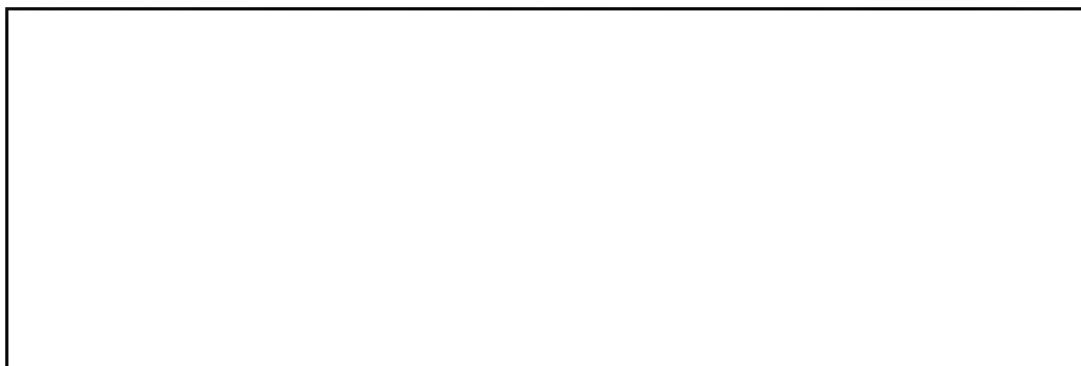


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**1. BURMA REPORTEDLY OFFERED LOAN BY  
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Communist China has offered Burma  
a loan and the Burmese cabinet has  
discussed the matter

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When questioned by the American am-  
bassador, the Burmese foreign minister and an official  
of the Finance Ministry stated that an offer of assistance  
had been made by the Chinese ambassador, but that it had  
not been specifically for a loan.

**Comment**

Peiping is apparently trying to prevent  
the satisfactory conclusion of Burma's  
negotiations with the United States for financial assistance.  
An offer by Peiping to buy 3,000 tons of Burmese rubber in  
August at an above-market price appeared to be designed  
to bring into question Burma's eligibility under the Battle  
Act for an American loan.

The present Chinese offer is probably  
for a more satisfactory payment schedule for Burmese  
rice moving to China.

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